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CONIFER cDNAs, AND THEIR
USE IN IMPROVING SOMATIC
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to reply to the Office
Action of August 4, 2003. A fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
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Respectfully submitted,

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